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March 14, 2008

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2043; FY 2007-2008 state hiring; moratorium

Dear Speaker Weiers:

I am forwarding with my veto House Bill 2043, pertaining to a state-wide freeze on hiring and promotions. Through this bill, the legislative branch of government is directing Arizona's executive branch, its judicial branch and its public universities to cease all hiring and promotions, except in limited circumstances, and to report these human resource functions to the budget research division of the legislature on a monthly basis.

This legislation is wholly unnecessary. All the agencies under the control of the executive branch are already operating under a hiring freeze, pursuant to my February 21, 2008 directive. Arizona State's judicial branch of government and the state universities have also already adopted policies to voluntarily restrict hiring in light of the budget deficit. And as you probably know, this bill would not even take effect until ninety (90) days after the legislative session is over. So not only is the bill unnecessary, it takes effect too late to do any good.

This bill also constitutes an unwarranted intrusion into the distribution of powers and responsibilities among the three branches of government, as recognized by Article III of the Arizona Constitution. One branch of government cannot exercise the powers and authority properly belonging to another branch of government. This reason alone demands a veto of this bill.

In the end, this bill adds nothing to the comprehensive, bipartisan approach we are now taking to resolve our budget deficit. For the reasons stated above and other reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 2043. I will continue to monitor Arizona's fiscal health and extend my hiring freeze until it is no longer necessary.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".
Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:LK/jm

cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
The Honorable Bob Robson

Passed the House February 20, 2008

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

15 Nays, 5 Not Voting

with emergency
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Fyore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 6, 2008

by the following vote: 18 Ayes,

12 Nays, 0 Not Voting

with emergency
President of the Senate

Charmine Ballington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

 day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

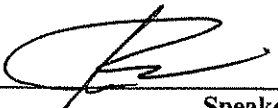
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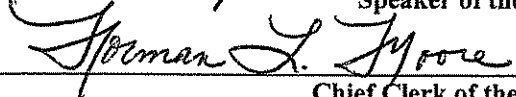
HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

March 12, 2008,

by the following vote: 46 Ayes,

14 Nays, 0 Not Voting



Speaker of the House


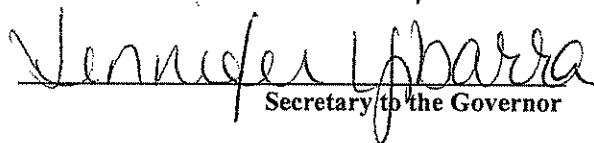
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

12th day of March, 2008,

at 2:43 o'clock P. M.



Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

VETO

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 14 day of March, 2008,

at 11:20 o'clock A. M.

H.B. 2043

Secretary of State